

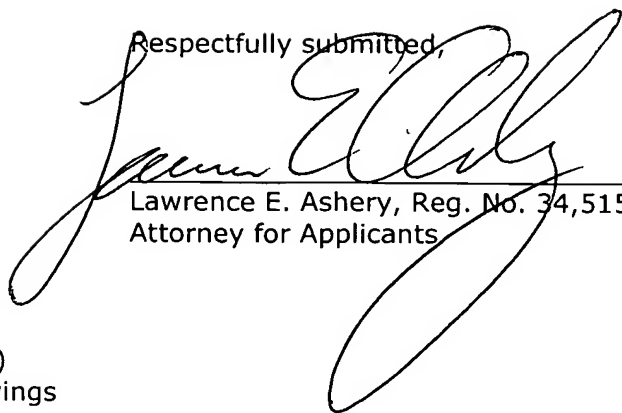
Amendment to the Abstract:

The Abstract has been amended. A revised Abstract is attached.

A substrate ~~(6)~~ on which cavities ~~(3)~~ having floors and steps is provided. End faces of a light-emitting device ~~(8)~~, an optical component ~~(4a)~~, and an optical transmission line ~~(1)~~ are abutted on one of the cavity for positioning, and end faces of a light-receiving device ~~(9)~~, an optical component ~~(4b)~~, and an optical transmission line are also abutted on the other cavity for positioning. Integrated alignment of optical axes facilitates alignment of optical axes, and thus eliminates the need of a CAN package. Accordingly, the size and height of an optical communications module can be reduced.

Attachment

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Attachments: Figures 17-19 (3 sheets)
Sheet 18/18 of the drawings
Abstract

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